Sports to witness the X Asian Games at Government of India expense.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) Only sportspersons fulfilling criteria laid down for this purpose, coaches and trainers duly appointed were included in Indian contingent for X Asian Games on the recommendations of Indian Olympic Association.

(e) Does not arise.

Rail-cum-road bridge at Jogighopa

1432. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not undertaking construction works of the rail-cum-road bridge at Jogighopa over the Brahmaputra; and

(b) by when construction work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Due to constraint of resources, it has been possible to provide only Rs. 1 crore during 1986-87 for the project of construction of rail-cum-road bridge at Jogighopa alongwith B G railway line from Jogighopa to Guwahati. Detailed designing for the bridge is being taken up. Construction work will be taken up depending on availability of funds in the coming years.

Shifting of Tinsukia Mail from New Delhi to Old Delhi Railway Station

1433. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tinsukia Mail was shifted from New Delhi Railway Station to Old Delhi Railway Station without taking passengers convenience into account; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the shifting arrangement from New Delhi to Old Delhi Railway Station was made in the interest of a particular business community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present three trains go towards Assam. One of them Tinsukia Mail leaves from Delhi Jn. in the evening and the other two North East Express and Avadh Assam Express leave from New Delhi in the morning. Thus, the convenience of passengers have been kept in view, both in respect of timings and originating points.

Expert committee for Japanese encephalities

1434. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Communicable Diseases have sent any experts committee to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the experts committee has submitted its report regarding Japanese encephalitis; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the report and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(c) The team which visited Andhra Pradesh recommended vector control measures both anti-larval and anti-adult mosquito in the form of larvicidal like Fenthion, oil and spray operations with Pyrethrum, malathion, B.H.C. etc., mobility for carrying the workers to the affected villages, more man-power for carrying spray operations and material for quick coverage.

The following actions have been taken by the Government:—

1. Intensification of active case detection programme by visit of para-medical workers on house to house basis.

2. Augmentation of treatment facilities to all the case at hospitals and dispensaries.

3. Monitoring of data at the district and State level.

4. Insecticidal spray has been started in the affected villages.

5. Intensification of Health education programme through hand-bills, posters, staff visiting homes and also through the local branch of All India Radio.

6. Under the orders of the District Collector all the pigs have been ordered for removal at a distance of 2 Kms. from the nearest residential locality.

7. Requisite quantity of Malathion has been/is being supplied to the State Government for spray operations.

Adoption of small family norms in States

1435. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small family norms have not yet been fully accepted in many villages of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Haryana;

(b) if so, what is the number of such villages in each State; and

(c) what are the programmes being worked out to propagate the small family norms among these people through media publicity, increased incentives in cash and kind etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Data pertaining to small family norm acceptance at village level is not complied.

(c) The different media of communication such as the Units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting viz. All India Radio, Doordarshan, D.A.V.P., Song and Drama Division, Films Division, Directorate of Field Publicity and Press Information Bureau as well as, media set ups in the States including inter-personnel communication channels are being utilised for promoting small family norms through literature, film shows, exhibitions, hoardings, wall paintings, song and drama performances and organisation of opinion leader camps.

In addition to the compensation of Rs. 100/- for acceptors of sterilisation and Rs. 9/- for acceptors of IUD from the Government of India, some State Governments also give additions incentives in cash and kind from their own resources and in the form of green cards and lottery tickets.

Medicine for preventing pregnancy

1436. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a medicine has been invented by ICMR to prevent pregnancy through injections,

(b) whether this has been patented.

(c) if so, whether approval of WHO has been obtained; and

(d) by when this medicine is likely to be put to large scale use, as a family planning device?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):